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*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Victoria, 2d August, 1864.*

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Colonial Secretary and indorsed "Painting and repairs of Government Buildings," will be received until noon of the 13th instant, for the external painting and repairing of the main Building of the Public offices at James Bay. 2. The House of Assembly and 3. The Court House, according to Specifications to be seen at the Land Office, where printed forms of Tender can be obtained.

1. The work required upon each Building to be tendered for separately.

2. Each tender must be accompanied by the names of two persons (to be approved of) who are willing to become security for the completion of the contract, within the specified time, in a sum equal to one fourth of the amount of the tender, or by a money deposit of \$150, which will be retained until the work is completed, or will be returned if the Tender be not accepted.

3. Payment, less 20 per cent., will be made when the work is completed, on the certificate of the Surveyor General, and the balance three months

after, if no leakage or other defect shall then exist.

4. The Government do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

5. Tenders will not be accepted unless rendered on the prescribed printed form.

By His Excellency's command,
HENRY WAKEFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Victoria, 6th August, 1864.*

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Richard Gollidge and Charles James Hughes, Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the colony of Vancouver Island.

By His Excellency's command,
HENRY WAKEFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Victoria, 6th August, 1864.*

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Charles James Hughes, Esquire, to be acting Resident Magistrate in the Sooke District.

By His Excellency's command,
HENRY WAKEFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Victoria, 29th July, 1864.*

His Excellency the Governor has directed the publication for general information of the following circular, addressed to the Governors of Her Majesty's Colonies, who forwarded in due course answers to the interrogatories which accompanied the Circular Despatch of the 1st of January, 1863.

By His Excellency's command.

HENRY WAKEFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

6th April, 1864

Sir :

On the 1st January, 1863, I addressed to the Governors of Her Majesty's Colonies a Despatch requesting answers to one series of interrogatories respecting Public Hospitals, and to another respecting Lunatic Asylums. I received in the course of last year from yourself and the Governors of other Colonies such answers as you and they had been enabled to furnish. I have had the information thus collected under my consideration, with a view to ascertain what steps can be taken for the improvement of Public Hospitals and Lunatic Asylums in the Colonies.

In this country by far the greater number of hospitals owe their existence to the bounty and philanthropy of private persons ; and the beneficent spirit in which they originated has attended them continually, inducing by the efforts and care of those who took an interest in them progressive improvement of structure, arrangements, management and supervision. In the Colonies institutions of this nature have been almost universally founded and supported from public funds, and they are dependent for their well-being on the Executive and Legislative Authorities.

I regret to find that, generally speaking, the state of these institutions in the Colonies, though not perhaps worse than in England at a former period, is yet widely and deplorably different from what would be now considered in this country to be consistent with the humane objects they are designed to promote ; whilst in some cases, though not, I trust, in very many, the state of Colonial Hospitals or Lunatic Asylums would seem to be such as can hardly be deemed to be consistent with humanity itself.

I am persuaded that the state of these institutions is in general to be attributed less to any wilful and deliberate neglect on the part of the Legislative and Executive Authorities than to a want of adequate knowledge of what such institutions ought to be, and of the methods by which improvements are to be brought about, and in the case of some of the smaller colo-

nies, no doubt, it may be ascribed to a want of adequate funds and resources.

With a view, therefore, to supply all the information in my power, I have placed myself in communication with the College of Physicians, and with the Commissioners in Lunacy, and I have caused a digest to be prepared of the answers to my interrogatories received from the colony under your government, and from others, which digest is preceeded by an account of the general condition of the Hospitals and Lunatic Asylums in the colonies, a summary of the classes of defects more generally prevailing, and suggestions for the cure of such defects.

I am confident that in the interests of humanity the exposition of the subject thus afforded will command, not only your own serious attention, but also, if necessary, that of the Legislature ; and I shall hope to receive from you in due time a special report of any improvements which may have been effected in the Hospitals and Lunatic Asylums within your government, accompanied by a statement of those which remain to be effected, in order to bring those institutions into a not unfavorable comparison with those of this country ; and I shall be anxious to be made acquainted with the steps which may be in progress or in contemplation for this purpose.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) C. FORTESCUE,

in the absence and by the authority of
the Duke of Newcastle.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Victoria, 29th July, 1864.*

Discoveries of Gold having been made in the Sooke District, the following Regulations are issued for public information :

Persons desirous of mining may do so by first obtaining a License from an Acting Gold Commissioner, who will be appointed by the Government and immediately proceed to Sooke District.

Persons possessing such License shall be entitled to stake off and hold a claim on the immediate payment to the authorized Collector of five dollars for such License for the period of six months, and two and a half dollars for the registration of his claim for 12 months, in default whereof it will not be recognized.

The following fees will also be charged :

For Re-recording a claim at the expiration of 12 months, . . . \$2 50
For transfer, \$2 50

WATER PRIVILEGES

Recording water privileges,
50 inches, \$10 00

51 to 100 inches, \$20 00
 Each additional 50 inches, or
 fractional part of 50 inches, \$10 00
 Certificate of laying over claim \$2 50
 Charge for transfer of claim, one
 per cent on amount of purchase money.

EXTENT OF CLAIMS.

Bar and Bench claims fronting centre of stream, 60 x 100 feet.

Hill claims, 60 x 120 feet.

And thence (if worked by drifting or tunnelling) to top of hill or mountain. Right to rear ground beyond the 120 feet, to hold good for only one year, if not worked.

Claim to be forfeited, if unrepresented, without the certified permission of the Acting Gold Commissioner more than 72 consecutive hours (Sundays not included in the reckoning.)

Each claim to be marked by a stake at least four inches square, planted firmly at each corner with the name of the claimant and the dimensions of the claim written or affixed thereon.

All disputes concerning titles to claims and boundaries to be settled by the Acting Gold Commissioner.

These Rules and Regulations, or anything done thereunder, will be subject to modification or alteration, pending the enactment of permanent laws.

By His Excellency's command,

HENRY WAKEFORD,
 Acting Colonial Secretary.

Treasury.

Victoria, 27th July, 1864

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment for the year commencing 1st July, 1863, on Real Estate situated within the District of Nanaimo, is now due, and payable at the Treasury on or before the 19th day of August next; and that all payments after that date will be charged five per cent. additional, in terms of "The Real Estate Tax Amendment Act, 1862."

ALEXANDER WATSON,
 Treasurer.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Victoria, 29th July, 1864

Notice is hereby given, that from and after the date hereof all the Crown Lands now unsold or unoccupied, situate to the South and East of a right line drawn from the S.W. Corner of Shawnigan District to the N.W. Corner of the Government Reserve at Point Owen, on San Juan Harbor, excepting only the following surveyed Districts, viz., North Saanich Lake, Highland, Esquimalt, and Metchosin, shall be reserved from the operation of the "Vancouver Island Land Proclamation Act of 1862."

By His Excellency's command,

HENRY WAKEFORD,
 Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.
 Victoria, 29th July, 1864.

Notice is hereby given that from and after this Date the Provisions of the "Vancouver Island Land Proclamation Act of 1862," shall be limited to the Districts hereinafter enumerated, and as defined on the Maps of the Survey Office, and shall not continue to be applicable to the whole of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies.

Enumeration of Districts open for Pre-emption :

Metchosin,	Quamichan,
Lake,	Somenos,
Highland,	Nanaimo,
North Saanich,	Mountain,
South Saanich,	Cedar,
Cowichan,	Cranberry,
Shawnigan,	Comox,
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And all the Islands being Dependencies of Vancouver Island, known as the Harro Archipelago.

By His Excellency's command,

HENRY WAKEFORD,
 Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.
 Victoria, 12th July, 1864.

His Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified for general information, that Mr. A. J. Rise has contracted for the conveyance of Mails by the steamer "Emily Harris," between Victoria and Nanaimo and Comox, on the following (among other) terms :

The "Emily Harris" to make two trips to Nanaimo and one trip to Comox per month, and to touch at Johnny Lemoux, Cowichan district, and Maple Bay and Salt Spring Island and Nanaimo, every trip both ways, and alternately at two places on Salt Spring Island, every trip each way, viz., Biggs' settlement and the inside channel settlement.

The days of arrival to be, at Nanaimo the 3d and 20th, and at Comox the 22d of each month.

The "Emily Harris" to remain for the receipt of freight and passengers at Comox twelve hours, at Johnny Lemoux, Nanaimo and Maple Bay six hours each, and three hours at each destination on Salt Spring Island.

The Government to have the right of altering the days of departure.

The days of departure from Victoria to be advertised three days previously in one of the daily papers.

The contract to be voidable on any of the stipulations being broken by the contractor.

By His Excellency's command,

HENRY WAKEFORD,
 Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Victoria, 13th July, 1864.*

His Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified for the information of the public and of heads of departments, that in future, with a view to regularity and economy in the disbursement of public moneys, the head of any department requiring the performance of any service, or the supply of any articles for office use, will be required to submit to the Colonial Secretary for approval a requisition in a form to be supplied. The person who may comply with such requisition, when approved, will, on or before the first day of the month next after such compliance, send to the Colonial Treasurer an account in duplicate on the prescribed form, (obtainable at the Treasury,) and regularly filled up with the dates and other necessary particulars, with the requisition attached thereto.

Such accounts will be paid at the Treasury on the 10th of the month.

All expenditure incurred and claims made, otherwise than in accordance with the foregoing routine, will be subject to disallowance.

It is requested that all persons having outstanding claims against any department of the government, will forthwith forward to the Colonial Treasurer in duplicate, and on the prescribed form, accounts of such claims, with a view to their examination and liquidation.

By His Excellency's command.

HENRY WAKEFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Treasury, 15th July, 1864.

Notice is hereby given, that under the provisions of "The Victoria City Half Per Cent. Tax Act, 1864," a tax of one half of one per cent. on all real estate situated within the incorporated limits of the city of Victoria, is now due, and payable into the Treasury on or before the 7th day of August, 1864.

ALEXANDER WATSON,
Treasurer.

*Treasury,
Victoria, 30th June, 1864*

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment for the year commencing 1st July, 1863, on Real Estate situated within the Districts of North Saanich, South Saanich and Lake, is now due, and payable at the Treasury on or before the 23d July next; and that all payments after that date will be charged five per cent. additional, in terms of "The Real Estate Tax Amendment Act, 1862."

ALEXANDER WATSON,
Treasurer.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Victoria, 11th June, 1864.*

Having regard to the importance of developing the mineral resources of the Colony, and for the purpose of encouraging the discovery and working of Mines, His Excellency the Governor has directed the following to be notified for general information.

1. The Government will grant a temporary lease of the minerals not already leased, underlying any Crown Land open for purchase or pre-emption, not exceeding 640 acres, and for any period not exceeding six months, on payment of a fee of five dollars.

2. Such lease will be renewable for such period and upon such terms as may be agreed upon, on the lessee satisfying the Government that he is in a position to work the minerals.

3. Such lease will be revokable in the event of the lessee failing to work the minerals to the satisfaction of the Government.

4. The applicant for such lease will be required to mark on the ground in as permanent a manner as possible, the centre of the land under which he may propose to work minerals, and to furnish a description of such mark, together with a diagram or sketch map, and such other information as will best insure the identification of the spot.

5. The boundaries of the block of 640 acres to be lines running true north, south, east and west, and equidistant from the centre as marked.

6. Application for such lease to be made to the Colonial Secretary.

7. Such lease to be irrespective of the purchase or pre-emption of the land overlying the minerals, and of working any gold mine which may be discovered.

By His Excellency's command.

HENRY WAKEFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
June 4th, 1864.*

His Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified for general information that all notices, &c., intended for insertion in the Government Gazette must be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary before eleven o'clock, on the morning of the Saturday preceding the publication of the number in which they are proposed to appear.

By His Excellency's command.

HENRY WAKEFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

PROCLAMATION.

VANCOUVER ISLAND.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
8th August, 1862.*

The Governor, with the advice of the Council, directs it to be notified:

That, to any person or persons who shall first discover a profitable Gold Field within the Colony of Vancouver Island, and make known and describe to the Colonial Government the site and limits of the tract of land comprised in his or their discovery, there shall be paid the sum of One Thousand pounds sterling (£1000), provided the

monies received for Licenses issued for working the said tract of land be equal to that amount; and provided always that there shall have been proved to the satisfaction of the local Government, that there has been *bona fide* raised and produced from the said tract or field, within six months of the issue of the said Licenses, an amount of Gold equal in value to not less than Ten Thousand Pounds (£10,000).

By His Excellency's command.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

